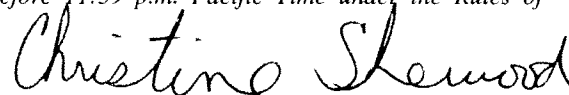


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 7913  
Application No. : 10/799,143  
Filed : March 11, 2004  
Title : ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,  
METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF  
Grp./Div. : 3733  
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Docket No. : 56717/B884

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Paid For | Number<br>Extra<br>Claims | Small Entity<br>Rate | Large Entity<br>Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee  | 23  | *23                           | 0                         | x \$25.00            | x \$50.00            |     |
| Independent Claims  | 5   | ** 6                          | 0                         | x \$105.00           | x \$210.00           |     |
| Multiple Dependent<br>Claims ***  |   |                               |                           | \$185.00             | \$370.00             |     |
| TOTAL FILING<br>FEE   |   |                               |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
| NO ADDITIONAL<br>FEE REQUIRED   | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"            |                               |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 10, 21, 29 and 30   |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |
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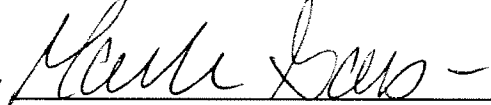
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\_\_\_\_\_ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
X A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.  
X Other enclosures: Information Disclosure Statement with Fee; Form  
PTO/SB/08A/B with reference

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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